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**NEGRO HANGED BY
MOB NEAR JAIL**

of killing a fourteen-year-old girl last April. It is said that all of the evidence against the suspect was destroyed.

hospital, and the county high sheriff had released Person two because the evidence was not sufficient to hold him. Further evidence in the case shows that a mob got together and forced the sheriff to make the third arrest and beat and starved the victim and fured, "a life or death confession." No trial by judge or jury had been offered the victim of the mob, but, according to press reports it was the best and most thoroughly organized mob ever seen in this country. The leaders were known by numbers and in relating to each other, No. "26" or "32" was used instead of the murderers real names.

Just think of it; over three thousand people in their hideous gear working day and night, with automobiles a mile long and the leaders bloodstained. This crowd has gathered to contribute to the "cause" to one of the most atrocious crimes in the annals of history.

"When the suggestion was made to leave the accused the word went up from the crowd that could hear: 'Inauguration is the cause!' and the marcher, up from an auto, carried to the scene where his life was to be taken, made to look on while an altar was built. He was laid on this altar, saturated with gasoline and coal oil, and while the crowd roared and the drums were made by some member of the mob, a woman was called to dedicate this spot of ground by applying the match.

When the match was applied and the flames rushed out fast the mole went wild and made a mad rush for their victim, dragging his charred body from the flames, and then the scramble was

The head and a foot were brought to Memphis by an auto party and thrown into the streets in the Negro neighborhood on Beale Avenue. There was no account where the family or state of Illinois attempted to do anything or disperse the mob at any time. The negroes in a history another blot on Aggers.

Negro Hanged by Mob Near Jail
FULTON, Ky., May 21.—[Lawrence]

Dempsey, a negro, was taken from the city jail here early yesterday by a mob and hanged to a telephone cable near the jail door. Dempsey had been charged with seriously wounding Clarence Hudlin, a railroad watchman, with a razor.

**Orpheus Academy
Boat Excursion**

The annual boat excursion of the New Orpheus Academy will be given on the palatial steamer Grey Eagle, Monday evening, June 25. That the affair will be the social event of the summer season can be inferred by the fact

popular river trip given under the auspices of this famous academy. Members of the committee are: Sunay B. Nelson, chairman; Maurice A. Grant,

**WHITE MAN AND NEGRO OIL-
FINED AS DISORDERLY.**

Richmond, Va.—D. C. Meredith, a white man, and Beulah Yates, a Colored girl, were fined \$50 each yesterday on a charge of disorderly conduct and Meredith was fined \$25 more for speeding his automobile. Auto Policemen Holt and Policeman W. E. Clarke arrested the pair at Robinson Street and Floyd Avenue Monday night.—Virginia, May 26.

OUT OF TOWN NEWS.

EDWARDSVILLE, ILL.

By E. E. Williams

Rev. Brewer, of Alton, was a visitor in this city, last Sunday and attended quarterly conference, at Wesley Chapel. Mr. and Mrs. J. Ashbrook, of St. Louis, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ashbrook's mother, Mrs. J. B. Gibson. Miss Blanche Belle spent Sunday as the guest of Miss Lela Brown. Rev. Phillips, of St. Louis, was in town for the congregation are busy preparing for the Sunday School Teachers' Institute which convenes here next week. Mr. Wm. LaPorte, professed for St. Louis, last week. Dr. C. C. Jensen and Mr. Thomas Allen are convalescent.

ST. CHARLES, MO.

We are all glad to welcome Rev. W. H. Hurton, as pastor of St. Paul Church. Mrs. Louise Ellis Johnson, who has been visiting relatives and friends in this city, left for her home last Tuesday, to St. Louis. The U. B. F. and M. E. T. annual sermon will be preached at Franklin School Wednesday. Father Day was celebrated at the A. M. E. Church, last Sunday evening, under the auspices of the Junior Choir. Little C. Clyde Koon was buried from the A. M. E. Church last Tuesday. Rev. A. C. Smith officiated. Master Hiram Roberts, of Kinloch, was a pleasant visitor at Franklin School Wednesday. Mrs. Lillian Carter, a member of the Argos staff, was here on business last Tuesday.

ALTON, ILL.

Mrs. Eliza Arbuckle has returned home after a pleasant visit at Lincoln, Ill. An concert was given at Green Hall, May 17, the title was "Adorable Elizabeth." It was well attended and a delightful evening was spent. Mrs. Geo. L. Bannick has been visiting friends at Springfield, Ill. Mrs. Eliza Arbuckle entertained the Sewing Circle, Thursday, May 24. An enjoyable time was spent. A grand musical rental will be given at the Union Baptist Church, Wednesday, May 20. Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Lewis motored to St. Louis, Sunday, May 20. Mr. H. B. Hunter, Mr. C. H. Webster and Dr. Geo. Samuels motored to Newport, Ill., where they were called on business. Rev. Mason visited Monmouth, Ill., last week. A baptism was held at Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church, Sunday, May 20. The converts were baptized in Bollinger's pond. Rev. Jones visited friends at Alton, Ill., while en route to Edwardsville.

CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

By Robert J. Ramsey

Mrs. Louise Hunt, wife of Mr. Wesley Hunt, died at her home on Poston St., May 15. The funeral was from the Holiness Church, Rev. E. W. Love officiating. Rev. Jas. Z. Brown, of Springfield, O., is conducting a revival at the Holiness Church. Mr. William Wright, who was hurt in an auto accident, is improving. The bachelorette session of the City High School was preached at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Swift, Sunday, May 20. Mr. Chas. Sumner

is very ill at his home on Hooper Ave. Ed Jump Quarles was found dead in his room at the Arlington Hotel, Tuesday, April 15. Mr. Quarles had been employed at said hotel eighteen years and was well known here. Mr. J. H. Durden has resigned his position with the Clarksville Ice and Coal Co., and has gone to Gary, Ind. Mr. Geo. W. Durden is very ill at his home on Ecology St. Mr. Dan Metherell is recovering from an operation on his eyes. The joint Thanksgiving services of the O. U. O. of G. F. and H. O. B. and Freewill were held at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church, Sunday, May 13. Mr. William Roberts, M. O.

POPLAR BLUFF, MO.

By Mrs. C. F. Jackson

The quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. Church last Sunday by the preaching, elder. Mr. T. S. Ivy departed for his home in Warren, Ark., a few days ago, after spending several days with relatives. Miss Ivory Black was at home to a few friends last Sunday evening from May to eight o'clock. Those present were Messrs. Elisha Duke, Willis Scott and Miss Rosa Spencer. A four-course menu was served; and a delightful evening was spent. The East and South End combined, defeated the North End team in a game of baseball. The scores was 10 to 0. The Order of Music Temples of A. hold their annual memorial services Wednesday night in honor of J. E. Bush, N. S. A. short, interesting program was rendered by Mr. C. N. Wilson, Master of Ceremonies, was a few interesting remarks. Mrs. M. B. Wyatt read an excellent paper. Prof. A. J. Anthony addressed the A. M. E. and Pleasant Hill Choir furnished the music for the occasion, with Mrs. M. G. Jackson presiding at the organ. Mrs. Mary Parker delivered a fine sermon at the residence of her brother, on Alice St. Funeral services from A. M. E. Church, Revs. Parksdale and Phillips, officiating. A delightful evening was spent. The day without a pastor. Trust that some good minister will read this and act accordingly. The ninth grade of Wheatley school entertained the tenth grade, last Friday evening. A three-course menu was served. Mrs. Callie Thomas, of St. Louis, is the guest of relatives here.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO.

By Miss H. N. Jones

Mrs. C. B. Pett, with her public school children, rendered a most excellent program, showing the wonderful progress of last school year, last Monday night. Mrs. Pett's children were presented in moving pictures at B. T. Theater. The A. C. E. League presented "The Cheerful Liar" to a large audience under the direction of Pres. D. Watson, last Wednesday night. The Second and Third grades of Lincoln School presented an operetta at the A. M. E. Church, last Sunday. "The Broken Coin" was the title of the play. While showing the second episode of the "Broken Coin" at the B. T. the film became ignited while being run through the machine, but was

extinguished by Manager Dr. Lawrie and operator, E. E. Allen. Owing to the presence of mind of the operators, a panic was averted. The service of the Fire Department was not needed. A busy time for the Lincoln School pupils and patrons was on hand. Friday evening our national flag was raised; the splendid work of the Manual Training, Art and Domestic Art Departments was exhibited. Kettle, sack and egg races were enjoyed; also jumping and vaulting together with a penny fall in progress, made the day one likely to be remembered. Special notes are due to the services of the A. M. E. Church, and Cordell, the former making a reading table, latter a hat and umbrella rack. The funeral services of Aunt Eliza Stevenson were conducted last Friday. Sunday the great revival started with a deal of spiritual enthusiasm exhibited. Dr. Metten and wife are natural evangelistic workers. The services of the Odd Fellows, Mission Society and Mission Band was held at the Second Baptist Church last Sunday evening. The sermons were preached by Rev. Cole. Mr. J. C. Smith left Sunday for points in Illinois.

WEBSTER GROVES, MO.

By Mrs. Louis Laird

The graduating sermon of Douglas School will be preached by Rev. E. J. Buckner, Sunday, May 27, at 3 p. m., at First Baptist Church. Exhibits of the Domestic Science and Manual Training Departments will be shown May 30. A Field Day program will be rendered on the grounds of the school Friday, June 1. The graduating exercises will be May 31, at 8 p. m., at the A. M. E. Church. The funeral of Mrs. Matilda Howard was held from the First Baptist Church, May 18, 2 p. m. Rev. E. J. Buckner officiated. Her remains were laid to rest in Father Dickson's Cemetery. Mrs. Matilda Stone and daughter, Mrs. Josephine Mitchell, attended the graduating exercises at Pacific, Mo., last Saturday evening. The Alumni Club of Douglas School will give a concert at the school Tuesday, May 29, at 8 p. m. Mrs. Jennie Williams and daughter entertained at dinner last Sunday, May 20, at 2 p. m. Mrs. Julia Shelton, Mr. Horrell, William McCracken and Jessa Williams. Miss Johnson, Mr. Young, of St. Louis, and Mr. Wicks Morgan, of Hot Springs, Ark., were pleasant visitors of Mrs. Jennie Williams and daughters last Sunday. Miss Naomi Williams and Mr. Jesse Williams spent last Sunday at St. Charles, visiting friends. Mrs. J. C. Lewis has been indisposed for the past few days and unable to discharge her duties as teacher; Miss May Mae Johnson took her place. The third quarterly meeting of the Union A. M. E. Church will be held Sunday, Rev. W. H. Ferguson, pastor, at H. Sanders, secretary.

FARMINGTON, MO.

By Miss Dayne Baker

The primary exercises of Douglas School were held Saturday evening at the Masonic Hall and the commencement exercises Monday evening. There were visitors to these exercises from St. Louis, Fenton, Crystal City, Fredricksburg, Boone Terre, Coffman and Eads. The pupils did credit to themselves in every number. The funeral

of Mrs. Mary Green, of St. Louis, was held here Sunday afternoon at the A. M. E. Church, with Rev. W. N. Spurgeon officiating, assisted by Rev. J. B. Callister. Maude Court had charge of the remains. Mrs. Green was the daughter of Mrs. Geo. Blackwell, who, with three other children and a husband, survive her. Her death occurred at St. Louis from an illness of a few days. Mesdames Antoine and Lewis Murphy attended to business in St. Louis the first of the week. The exercises of the Mineral Point School, of which Miss Edith Cayce is teacher, will be held tonight (Thursday). Miss Richard Hunt, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilburn, is so stricken with rheumatism that she cannot use her lower limbs. Mrs. Talbert Burns is among the ill of the week. Mrs. Robinson and baby have returned to St. Louis. The sojourn in Farmington was quite beneficial to her. Rev. W. N. Spurgeon addressed the class of '17 and teachers Sunday night in a beautiful manner. Much praise is due this worthy pastor. The sermon was quite appropriate. Mrs. Laura Somerville, of St. Louis, came down Thursday and accompanied her little son, Polite, home. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ammonette, of St. Louis, came down Thursday and the first Sunday in June.

KIRKWOOD NEWS

The members of the Harrison Avenue Baptist Church are rejoicing over the settling of their debt. Rev. I. H. Monro is pastor. This wonderful man has been members to victory. No pastor has ever done the work he has done in such

a short time. He set sail for \$500, but the Lord blessed him with \$630. The mortgage-burning took place last Sunday at 3 p. m. All sang free at last. The members and officers voted to give him and his faithful wife a home, during their life. The amount paid on the church is \$2,150.

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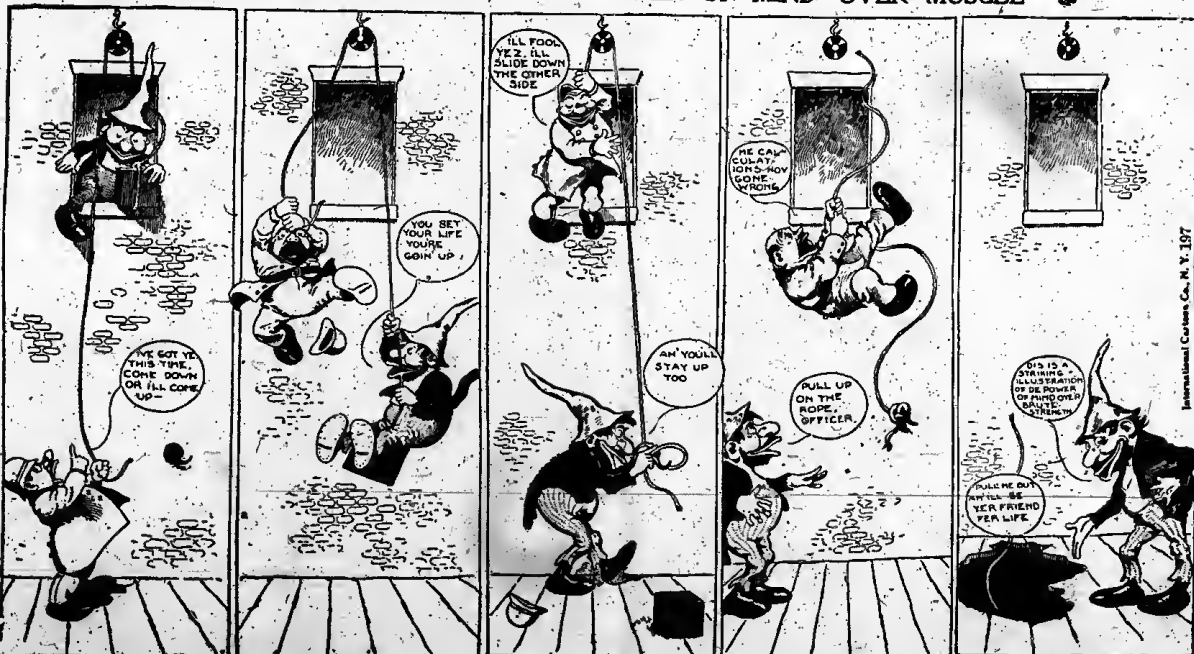
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In one case, it is stated that several thousand people gathered around their victim and made merry while the body was saturated with oil and to give the occasion the appearance of a lofty celebration, the christening of a ship or launching of a world wide movement, a woman was called upon to apply the torch. Horror! horrors! almost despicable, sight was witnessed as the flames engulfed the human form and reduced it to ashes.

As this news is flashed to all the world, we hear the cry coming up from 10,000,000 Negroes whose very souls rebel against this treatment of the Negro race in this country. No other class of human beings are subjected to such treatment, be they friend or foe of the nation, be they assassins of Presidents or insulters of the flag. No matter what they are or what their crimes may be, they are accorded better treatment at the hands of those who call themselves true Americans, than the Negro who has always been found loyal in war and in peace.

Such crimes against our race pierce the soul of its thinking members and leave a wound that is not so easily healed. While we know that, as a race, we are inclined to forgive, to make excuses for the wrongs that are imposed upon us by our white brothers, we also know that "even a worm of the earth will turn when trod upon." Yes we say again, we are easy to forget, we are anxious to forget. We should like for the past to only appear as a matter of history. We should like for the past to be a time like this, that the boasted democracy of this country is sitting on its perch of reality. We should like to sing the song, "My Country 'Tis of Thee Sweet Land of Liberty," just as the other people do. We should like to feel that the Stars and Stripes mean the same to us as they do to other people.

Regardless of the insults that are forced upon us, regardless of the fact that we are denied enlistment in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps; yes, regardless of all these things, we are loyal American citizens, we are human beings, we feel this very keenly, we can be insulted.

THE NATION'S COUNCIL

As we watch the proceedings in the Nation's Council at Washington, D. C., we have noticed with a deal of interest the laws, the special laws and the strengthening of old laws that are being enacted in Congress, to meet every emergency that has arisen on account of the present conflict. The strong hand of the government has been stretched over the land, and is now seeking to control the power of the press, the labor conditions, the food supply, the free-dom of speech, and almost the thoughts of the people. The several States were unable to cope with such conditions. In the name of right and justice, the strong hand of the government stepped into the cases as the arbiter, and the people have accepted its decision.

It strikes us that this is an appropriate time for a voice to rise in the Nation's Council in the defense of right and justice for the Negro. Questions of human rights are never settled until they are settled right. The cruel treatment of the Negro in America cannot be ignored in the Nation's highest council, and at the same time boast of the fact that we have entered this great war for the love of humanity.

As a race, we need a man in the Nation's Council with the spirit of Lovejoy, Sumner or William Lloyd Garrison. We need some one in the Nation's Council who will dare to offer a bill to make lynching a Federal offense. At a time like this there can be no excuse for the arms of the government have been stretched to meet every emergency. Why should the rights of ten million loyal citizens be overlooked?

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AFRICAN PRISON RETURNS

Prof. Denzil to Exhibit Description
Pictures of Africa

Prof. Madarikau Denzil, "Prince of Nigeria," who had been entertaining Christians with his lyric tone in Missouri, returned to exhibit "War Pictures of Darkest Africa." He is the grandson of "Bajagou Jemou" (chief of Yoruba tribe in British Nigeria), and has lots of beautiful stereoscopic pictures to show about how the black men are sticking together in the jungles of Africa. The Yoruba people, in Nigeria, West Africa, are not eating monkeys without any salt.

The prince will appear at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2726 Pine Street, Monday evening, May 19, 1917. Don't fail to hear his lyric tone! He will be assisted by the Electric Light Girls, who have magic solos and quartettes to make you feel happy. Performance begins at 8 o'clock sharp. Come on time to see these wonderful pictures. Admission 15 cents. Children 10 cents.

DR. MOORE AT ST. JAMES A. M. E. CHURCH SUNDAY, MAY 27

Dr. Lewis B. Moore is the dean of the Teachers' College of Howard University, a position he held for many years, with a great deal of success. He is a doctor of philosophy of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Moore will preach at St. James at 11 o'clock on the subject, "The Man Who Sold Himself to Satan." He will lecture Monday night, May 28, at St. James subject, "The New Science of Matrimony." Dr. Moore is one of the leading orators of the race and it is said with authority this lecture is the finest delivered by any lecturer regardless of nationality. Howard Alumni will attend the morning service in a body.

Dr. Peck preached a masterly sermon on "Perfection of Christian Character" to a large congregation Sunday morning. At the conclusion of this wonderful discourse, the public was invited and four united with the church.

You are especially invited to the Senior Ladies' Sunday, May 27. They are having a "Pew Rally" for membership. There will be special music by the J. C. Choir and several numbers by our best local talent. Don't forget the date of Deas Moore's visit, May 27 and 28. Come early and secure good seats.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELM WOOD, NOTES

Our Sunday sermon was preached by our pastor, Rev. J. P. Niebold, at 11:00 a. m. from Luke 19:13 and 8:00 p. m. from Luke 12:1, from which the members received a much needed and instructive lesson. Sunday school, at 1:00 p. m., is doing a great work. R. Y. P. M. met with the Junior B. Y. P. M. was largely attended. United Catholic League, at 8:00 p. m., was held at the Junior, after which other speakers lectured on food, seed and gardening, which was appreciated by all.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH ITEMS

The Lord's Supper will be observed at Central on Sunday at 3 p. m. The pastor will preach in the morning on "The Signs of the Times in the Light of the Scriptures." He will also show the duty of the young men of the colored race at this hour in view of the country's call. He will speak on the import of the Negro in our Training Camp. He will now, according to the Bible, that is one of God's tremendous house. Urgent invitation is given to all to attend this morning service. At night, Rev. Dr. E. C. Schiefe, of Los Angeles, will preach. On the following Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock, Rev. Dr. Schiefe will lecture on "The Making of a Race." A fit subject for the closing of Memorial Day, May 30. Admission fee will be ten cents.

BRIGHTON NEWS

An old time movement meeting was held at the Baptist Church last Sunday. It was largely attended by members and friends. The praying band of Central Baptist Church, St. Louis, was with us. During the service, three converts were made. Our pastor, Rev. B. Brown, is a very forceful speaker, and much good is expected during his pastorate. Brighton is a nice little colored town and has quite a number of progressive people here. Just a nice little town, St. Louis. We are always pleased to get visitors.

NOTES FROM JONES CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Last Sunday, May 26, at 3:00 p. m., the congregation and pastor, Rev. E. Dodson, of the above named church, had the pleasure of entertaining the Order of the United Colored Men and Daughters of Africa upon their annual services. The pastor was appointed to preach the sermon, and Mr. Ernest P. Smith, who introduced him, said that it was out of the custom that such a thing be done; but he had made himself so well known among the citizens of St. Louis that he was sure that there was no mistake in his selection.

The program had been well arranged, causing several of the St. Knights and Daughters of Africa, together with members of the Juvenile Court to present the large and appreciative audience with talks, and papers that not only the members of the order, and the race

in general. The delivery of the sermon seemed very satisfactory to all, and many of them went away expressing themselves in the highest commendation. The pastor delighted, and so are the people, with having the Order and their friends come out to be with them upon this occasion. Special sermon will be preached every Sabbath up to the 15th of June. Our many friends are requested to come out and hear them—pews free.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

By Miss Sada M. Pillow

Rev. J. A. Shaw, a great evangelist of California, delivered two spiritual sermons, morning and evening. All were very much interested in the sermons and showed their appreciation by giving a liberal collection. The Improvement Club of our church had supper and with the support of other members, they held the coal bill of the church, which was over \$52.00. The church will have a dollar rally Sunday. With the aid of Rev. Cole we will try to pay this one off. Rev. Cole will deliver his farewell sermon, subject, "Dusty Iron," Sunday morning, Rev. Deane of Illinois will preach Sunday evening. We urge all of our members to come and help us on our rally. All are welcome.

ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH

"Jacob Wrestling at the Brook" was the discourse of the past last Sunday morning. Jacob's flight and return and the meeting of his brother Esau whom he had wronged was beautifully brought out. Dr. Johnson laid stress on a clear conscience and its noble results. At the request of Dr. Shaw, of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, St. Louis, and congregation held a service there last Wednesday night. The fact that the hands of friendship still exist between St. Paul and Metropolitan. Do not fail to attend the public installation of officers Thursday night, May 31.

Strangers who are coming to the city are warmly welcomed by the officers and members of the church and in many instances are receiving positions by the members of the lookout.

You are cordially invited to worship with us Sunday all day.

SEVEN CHURCH BAPTIST UNION.

The Seven Church Baptist Union met Monday night at the Bethel Baptist Church, 2126 Pine St., Rev. Robinson, pastor. The meeting was a very good one and the sermon very interesting. The women met on Sunday at 2:00 p. m. at Temple Ave. Baptist Church. They held a social meeting, and the women of interest is manifested by the women of this church. The next meeting will be held at North Gallie Church, 2512 N. Leffew. The union meeting will be Monday night, May 28, with Temple Ave. Baptist Church. Sermon by Rev. A. Dixon. Collection \$8.00. We cordially invite you to attend our meetings.

EL. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Sunday school lesson was an interesting feature of our school, Sunday morning. The interest was so great that Pastor Paul preached a sermon from it. This sermon will live long in the minds of the people. The members of the church are well pleased with the wonderful work this great man is carrying on. "Death visited home of Mr. and Mrs. Cook, taking their baby. We extend our deepest sympathy. Things in general are in good condition at our church. Baptizing will take place Sunday, June 3, also the annual sermon of the Union Volunteer Society. Rev. W. Perry, Pastor; Lillian Pinkney, Clerk.

DR. L. B. MOORE TO SPEAK

The Rev. L. B. Moore, Dean of the Teacher Training Department of Howard University, at Washington, D. C., is touring the West. He will be in St. Louis next week and will preach at Union Memorial Church Sunday, May 27, at 8 p. m. Dr. Moore is a great race leader and a preacher of unusual ability. A large crowd is expected to hear him.

METROPOLITAN NOTES

Last Sunday at Metropolitan Church was found a great enthusiastic crowd to hear the pastor, Rev. Shaw, deliver that masterly sermon on "The New Heaven and the New Earth." A large number joined the church. Dr. Shaw is now widdling up this conference year and has but two or three more Sundays before leaving for Kansas City and Annual Conference. Sunday nights as well as Sunday morning, at Metropolitan, are important.

All ex-patriates and members will support their banks Monday night, May 28. Dinner will be served in the dining room.

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"Enormous and unnecessary sacrifice of life and treasure has attended all our armed struggles," declared Major General Emory Upton, in his Military Policy of the United States. The waste of life and treasure, which he shows with startling clarity, has been, in the main, the result of dependence upon the volunteer military system. Whether or not an enormous and unnecessary sacrifice of life and treasure will attend the prosecution of the war upon which we are now entering depends in a large degree on whether or not Congress is guided by the mistakes made in other wars or whether it follows the make-shift courses that civilian judgment so often substitutes for military knowledge.

The volunteer system was a failure in the Revolution because men were enlisted for short terms of service—sixty and ninety days, a period too short to enable them to be moulded into disciplined soldiers.

The weakness of short enlistments crippled Washington from the very moment he took command at Cambridge. He had 17,000 men before him; but as their terms of enlistment did not cover the time required to turn recruits into disciplined soldiers, one of his first duties was to have provision made for another army to take the place of that which should soon leave him.

From the beginning to the end of the struggle almost 400,000 men were sent out, yet notwithstanding the formidable number—no paper—the most men that Washington could get together for any one battle was 17,000.

While as a rule the fighting strength of his command was no less before that number than an alert and aggressive enemy had many opportunities to terminate the war at one stroke.

If, for illustration, Howe had struck at Boston, the cause would have been lost. Washington fully expected the enemy to take advantage of his well-known weakness and to strike a crushing blow.

Many Enrolled: Few Ready
But in the different battles that he and his men were drilled into soldiers, Congress pursued its weak policy; and though in one year it amounted to \$100 million, Washington's fighting strength before Princeton and Trenton was only 40,000!

This failure to have a properly organized army was the result of military legislation by a body of civilians who in their individual experience were totally ignorant of military affairs.

The cost of this mistaken policy in money and in discipline was enormous. Men came and went, consumed public stores, created a spirit of insubordination, often indulged in shocking lawlessness, and presently returned to their homes without a cent. Little besides taking up the time of officers and having a charge upon the public treasury.

But deplorable as was the waste in money, it was nothing in comparison with the evils it spread. Two of the disasters are sufficient in the shock and far-reaching effect of the volunteer policy.

In the campaign of 1776 the only important offensive movement undertaken by the Colonists was the invasion of Canada. General Montgomery crossed the frontier and invaded Montreal. General Arnold marched through the wilderness of Maine to Canada. They joined forces, attacked the stronghold of Quebec, and the assault failed. The American army was killed or wounded; between 300 and 400 were made prisoners; Montgomery lost his life.

The failure was due to the circumstance that the attack was made at an inopportune time. The terms of enlistment of nearly all of Montgomery's men were about to expire, and he knew that they would immediately leave him; hence he determined upon a final stroke as his force disclosed, though his military judgment would have dictated otherwise had he been master of the situation.

The second misfortune occurred in 1777 when the American commander was unable to grasp the great fruits of the American victory over Burgoyne at Saratoga.

The latter's army of 5,700 men was invested by a total American force of 12,000, and surrounded. Why the War Was Prolonged

Ordinary military wisdom would have suggested the immediate transfer of this army, flushed with the invasion of a victory to Philadelphia, where the British army had established itself; and had this been done there is every reason to believe that Howe would have been defeated and the revolution would have ended there instead of dragging along for five more years.

The transfer was not made because the army was again disorganized. The continuation of the war for another five years cost at least \$500,000,000, exclusive of the loss of life and the interruption of industry.

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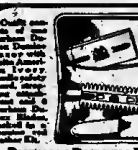
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